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A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for 1 month to and including April 15, 2002 (April 13, 2002 falls on a Saturday) is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$160 for the appeal fee is enclosed. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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